



I hope you didn't miss Sunday!

We asked the question: **Where do you want to be as a Disciple of Jesus in 10 years?** And that immediately begs another question...**How would you ever get from where you are now to where you want to be?**

Maybe you have been there: "Help me understand how to grow."

Our leaders prayed through this, studied the scriptures (especially the life and teachings of Jesus) and were determined to give ultra-practical guidance to those who want to walk a spiritual path. We know there are 4 practices that lead us to real spirituality. And we know the health of these practices is a decent indicator of how life-giving our walk with God is.

- **CONNECT** in relationships where truth meets life
...Do I have other Christ followers encouraging me and pushing me?
- **CULTIVATE** a personal relationship with Jesus
...I may know about Him, but do I know Him? And does He know me?
- **CONTRIBUTE** by serving
...Am I in a place where my life is not about me...but focused on releasing my life for God and for others?
- **CARE** about people far from God
...Am I desperate for others – everyone – to experience the Grace I have?

The next 4 pages are a **simple tool** that to help you take your **first steps** in the process. There is a page of questions about each practice to get you thinking about where you are right now.

Here is how to use it:

- Take a moment to pray before filling out the inventory. Just ask God to help you be candid and reflective.
- No answers are right or wrong...it's a tool to help you get a good picture of yourself.
- You can add up your numbers to see how each practice might be healthier or weaker in your life right now.
- The numbers aren't nearly as important as the reflection on the questions!

I hope you will make this month about figuring out your next steps in growing spiritually. Over the next 4 weeks of this series we will teach about these 4 practices. What better time than now to dig in with your faith? **The Road is Open!**

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CONNECT in relationships where truth meets life

1. I believe I grow best as a Christ follower when I am actively connected to a local church.
2. I have close relationships with other Christ followers who have influence on my life's direction.
3. I am known as a person who speaks words of kindness to those in need of encouragement.
4. I believe bursts of anger sabotage relationships.
5. I participate in a group of Christ followers who really know me and support me.
6. God enables me to forgive people who have hurt me.
7. I believe the local church is the body of Christ on earth, the hope of the world.
8. I forgive people who deeply hurt me.
9. I am known as a person who is sensitive to the needs of others.
10. I believe God's plan for spiritual growth is always in the context of a community of Christ followers.
11. I am willing to make any of my faults known to Christ followers who care for me.
12. I am known as a person of humility.
13. I believe God calls me as a believer to commit to do my part in a Biblical community.
14. I encourage others to develop a daily time with God and other spiritual disciplines for growth.
15. My first response toward others is being gentle, patient and compassionate.
16. I believe I can experience spiritual growth and Biblical community best in a community group with other believers.
17. I participate regularly in a community group to grow spiritually and experience Biblical community.
18. I am an includer and easily approachable.
19. I believe my community group should be the primary place to receive love and care in my church.
20. My speech encourages others and promotes unity in the church body.
21. Others would say that I am not easily offended and quick to forgive.
22. I believe that God has a purpose for my life and uses other believers to help me acknowledge it.
23. I actively invest myself in at least one other Christ follower for their growth and development.
24. My first inclination is to seek the good of others before myself.
25. I believe others have insight to my life I don't have myself.
26. I am open, teachable and accountable with the members of my community group.
27. Others would say I am not defensive or resistant to instruction or correction.
28. I believe relationships with believers have the potential to go deeper than those with people far from God.
29. I regularly reach out to the unconnected/unchurched and invite them to my community group.
30. I keep my composure even when people or circumstances irritate me.

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CONTRIBUTE by serving

1. I understand what the Bible has to say about spiritual gifts.
2. I give away my time to serve and help others in my community.
3. I see every aspect of my life and work as service to God.
4. I know my spiritual gifts.
5. I contribute through the use of my spiritual gifts weekly at church.
6. I value a simple lifestyle over one cluttered with activities and material possessions.
7. I believe great satisfaction is found when I serve God faithfully.
8. I regularly use my spiritual gift(s) in ministry to accomplish God's purposes.
9. I value the spiritual gifts of others to accomplish God's purposes.
10. I believe I should stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.
11. I spend a good deal of time helping people with physical, emotional, or other kinds of needs.
12. I put God's timing, will and purposes ahead of my own.
13. Others recognize and affirm my spiritual gift(s) and support my use of them.
14. I regularly volunteer at my church.
15. I live an intentional lifestyle that allows me to contribute/maximize my time, energy and resources for the kingdom.
16. I understand God works through me to build up the church.
17. I help those who are in trouble or who cannot help themselves.
18. I am eager to help others when I hear of a need.
19. I believe that God is the source of all blessings in the world.
20. I participate regularly in leadership development opportunities.
21. I help without expecting anything in return.
22. I believe everything I am or own comes from God and belongs to God.
23. I have attended the Discovery Seminar and identified my personality, gifts and passion.
24. My choices of activities and how to spend my time are based upon my relationship with Jesus as Lord.
25. I believe I should be involved in the lives of the poor and suffering.
26. I freely share my time, possessions and resources with those in need.
27. Through Jesus, I can accomplish things that I could not do on my own.
28. I believe God gives spiritual gifts to every Christ follower for service to the church and the community.
29. I build relationships with those I serve and who serve me.
30. Finding the right place to serve others is a major part of understanding God's will for my life.

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CULTIVATE a personal relationship with Jesus

1. I believe that I cannot earn my salvation based on good deeds.
2. I regularly study the Bible to find direction for my life.
3. I exist to know, love and serve God.
4. I believe that the Bible has decisive authority over what I say and do.
5. I thank God daily for who He is and what He is doing in my life.
6. I believe that my life has value because God loves me.
7. I have a good understanding of the contents of the Bible.
8. I seek to grow closer to God by listening to Him in prayer.
9. I am willing to risk everything that is important in my life for Jesus Christ.
10. I believe that God is actively involved in my life.
11. I worship with my church family each week.
12. I seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in my decision making.
13. I believe God loves me, even when I do not obey him.
14. I discipline my thoughts based on my faith in Jesus Christ.
15. My first financial priority is to support God's work.
16. I am confident God is working everything out for my good, regardless of the circumstances today.
17. I have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as my Lord and my Savior.
18. My hope in God increases through my daily pursuit to live like Christ.
19. I believe that God came in the flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, lived a sinless life and died on a cross to pay the price for sin and that He rose from the dead.
20. I exercise self-control in my private and public behavior to honor God.
21. I am unashamed to be known as a Christ follower.
22. I am confident that I will go to heaven when I die.
23. I have made a public commitment of faith by choosing to be baptized.
24. I am an example of contagious joy found in Jesus Christ.
25. I believe I receive forgiveness of sin, the Holy Spirit, and the gift of eternal life when I put my faith in Jesus Christ and commit my life to Him as my Lord and Savior.
26. I have completed a spiritual growth plan that includes accountability for my goals.
27. I take unpopular stands when my faith dictates.
28. I understand Biblical principles of financial giving.
29. My spending habits allow me to give 10% or more of my income to God's work.
30. I am known to maintain honesty and integrity at all times.

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CARE about people far from God

1. I believe it is important to share my faith because Christ has commanded me to do so.
2. I pray for people far from God to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
3. I live so that others will see Christ in my life.
4. I believe all people who place their trust in Jesus Christ will spend eternity in heaven.
5. I frequently share my faith with people who don't follow Jesus.
6. I treat others with respect even though they may believe differently than me.
7. I know how to share my faith with non-believers.
8. I regularly pray for specific individuals who don't know Christ.
9. People matter to God, so people matter to me.
10. I believe every person is subject to the judgment of God.
11. I actively seek out opportunities to have spiritual conversations with those who don't know God.
12. When I meet new people, I wonder about their relationship with Christ.
13. I believe that investing my time, talents and resources in the church helps people find their way back to God.
14. I serve those in my community by meeting needs so they see the love of Christ.
15. My life's mission is to share Jesus with lost people.
16. I believe all people need a relationship with God.
17. I intentionally initiate a relationship with people far from God.
18. I make it a priority to build relationships with unbelievers.
19. I believe God will use me to reach those in my circle of influence for Jesus Christ.
20. I have described to people the difference Jesus makes in my life.
21. My heart breaks when I hear someone has died and did not know Christ.
22. I am able to effectively communicate how to become a Christ follower to others.
23. I am actively involved in my community as a Christ follower.
24. Helping someone come to faith is among the most rewarding experiences I could think of.
25. I believe people who die without choosing to trust Christ will experience Hell.
26. I go out of my way to encourage people who have just become Christ followers.
27. I regularly reflect on the price Jesus paid for my sin.
28. I believe following Christ has rewards in the next life and this life.
29. I have met my neighbors and generally know of their spiritual beliefs.
30. Life only makes sense when seen from God's perspective.

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